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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN SITREP ON FOURTH DAY OF MIDEAST WAR

1. AS OF MORNING OF NINTH MOROCCANS STILL SEEMED TO BE TAKING NEWS OF FIGHTING CALMLY, BUT WERE OBVIOUSLY FOLLOWING SITUATION CLOSELY. PRESS, RADIO, AND TELEVISION EMPHASIZED PRIDE IN CONDUCT OF MOROCCAN TROOPS ON SYRIAN FRONT, AND FEATURED REPORT THAT MOROCCAN TROOPS HAD LIBERATED TOWN OF KUNAYTRA, BUT TONE OF REPORTING AND COMMENTARY WAS STILL RELATIVELY UNEMOTIONAL AND BALANCED. THERE CONTINUE TO BE REFERENCES TO EVENTUALITY OF SIXTH FLEET INTERVENTION AND QUESTION OUR INTENTIONS OBVIOUSLY ON MINDS SOME MOROCCANS. IF IT APPEARS ISRAELIS ARE WINNING, ANTI-AMERICAN CONTENT OF MEDIA MAY INCREASE RAPIDLY.

2. PRESS HAS NOT YET FOCUSED ON LAST NIGHT'S SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION, AND OUR CALL FOR A RETURN
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TO PREVIOUS CEASEFIRE LINES. DEGREE OF RESENTMENT THIS

WILL CREATE HERE WILL DEPEND ON EVOLUTION OF THE SITUATION
IN THE EAST, AND WHETHER THE EGYPTIANS MAKE ISSUE OF OUR
POSITION.

3. EMBASSY JEWISH EMPLOYEE WHO SCHEDULED TO LEAVE
THIS MORNING FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT IN SPAIN NOT
PERMITTED TO DEPART FROM AIRPORT. MOVEMENTS JEWISH
COMMUNITY PRESUMABLY BEING WATCHED.
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